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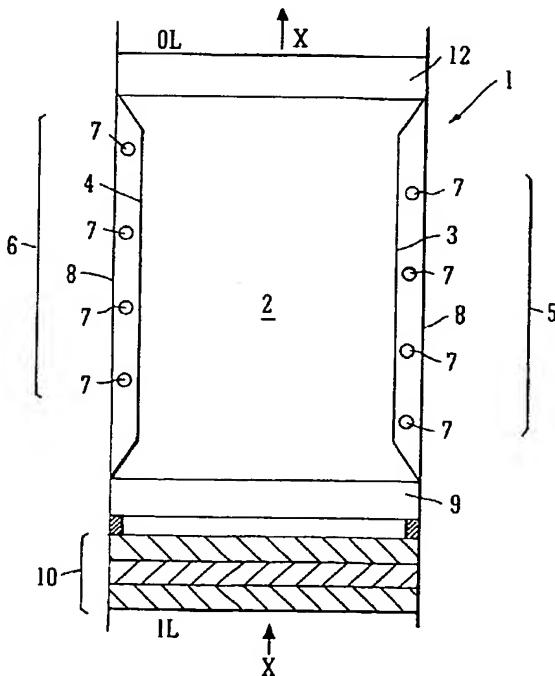
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(54) Title: CLEANING OF AIR



(57) Abstract: Apparatus (1) for cleaning air comprises a chamber (2) having an inlet (IL) and an outlet (OL), through which air to be cleaned is passable, a plurality of UV light sources (7) to irradiate the interior of the chamber (2) and one or more UV transmissible shield members (3, 4) isolating the UV light sources (7), in use, from the air to be cleaned and wherein at least some of the UV light sources (7) are mounted on a common mounting means such that said some of the UV light sources (7) are removable together from the apparatus (1). The apparatus (1) may comprise an upstream filter (9) and an air equalising grid (10). The grid (10) may have a UV reflective surface.

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1. claims: 1,2,11-31,33,34

The first invention is directed to an apparatus for cleaning air comprising a plurality of UV light sources and a UV transmissible shield member wherein at least some of the UV light sources are mounted on a common mounting means such that said some of the UV light sources are removable together from the apparatus.

2. claims: 3,4,7-10

The second invention is directed to an apparatus for cleaning air comprising a UV light source, a UV transmissible shield member, and a filter means upstream of the UV light source wherein upstream of the filter an air flow equalising means is located.

3. claims: 5,6

The third invention is directed to an apparatus for cleaning air comprising a UV light source, a UV transmissible shield member, and a filter means upstream of the UV light source wherein upstream of the filter means a UV reflector is located.

4. claim: 32

The fourth invention is directed to an apparatus for cleaning air comprising a plurality of UV light sources, a UV transmissible shield member comprising a tunable power source controlling two UV light sources in feedback mode according to an UV monitoring means associated with the two UV light sources.

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